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The Institute of Sacred Literature

AIDS TO THE STUDY OF THE LIFE OF JESUS

Many of those who will take up the study of the life of Christ January first, either under the necessity of teaching it or for personal study, will wish for special guidance in reference reading, textbooks, methods and devices for teaching. All such will be glad to see a brief summary of the possibilities of assistance in studying or teaching this subject offered by the *Institute of Sacred Literature*. Those who wish outlines and directions for class-work or for home study, demanding only the use of the Bible, and consuming not more than twenty minutes a day, should examine particularly courses 1 and 2 described below. Those who wish guidance in outside reading should avail themselves of a choice from courses numbered 3 to 6. Those who are ready for thorough study of a university grade, will find what they desire in the thorough correspondence courses. Churches and schools who wish to benefit the community in which they are located and arouse a general interest will perhaps find a lecture course more effective.

1. An outline course on "The Life of Christ," based upon the four Gospels. The material is arranged for daily study and the method is historical. Only the Bible and the Institute pamphlet are required and the work can be accomplished in fifteen minutes a day. This course just issued in a new edition, contains in each volume, besides directions for study and review questions, a map, dictionary of terms, and programs for club work.

2. An outline course on "The Social and Ethical Teaching of Jesus." A study of the teaching of Jesus as presented in the four Gospels, touching the essential social and ethical relationships of life, such as faith, repentance, sin and punishment, the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, wealth and the state, the kingdom of God, etc. The course is arranged for daily study and may be accomplished in fifteen minutes a day.

3. In the popular "Religious Education Reading Course," organized this year, four months are spent upon books pertaining to the life of Jesus, the reading of the Gospels of Matthew and John, *Jesus' Way*, by Hyde, and *The Life of Christ*, by Dawson, being required. The monthly Postal Bulletins give many suggestions for work and thought. The course may be begun with the December work which is the first month in which the life of Jesus is taken up.

4. A professional reading course on "The Life of Christ." This course is designed for those who wish to read the best books on the life of Jesus and who

are not afraid of some rather technical material. These professional courses are primarily arranged for ministers who wish to keep in touch with the best literature in theological lines. The helps furnished are of the nature of scholarly reviews of the books to be read. The list on the life of Christ contains twelve volumes. It may be read in whole or part as the student wishes. No reports are required.

5. A professional reading course on the teaching of Jesus. A course similar in character to course 4, but laying emphasis upon the teaching, rather than upon the historical life, of Jesus. The list contains ten volumes.

6. A professional reading course on "Christianity and Social Problems." A course taking up the teaching of Jesus and of later Christianity in its special relation to modern social problems. The list contains nine volumes.

7. A thorough correspondence course of university grade on "The Life of Jesus," based upon the four Gospels. The textbook is the *Constructive Studies on the Life of Christ* by Burton and Mathews. The work is done by correspondence, but is of the same character as that carried on in the university classrooms.

8. A correspondence course on the "Gospel of Luke," similar in character to course 7.

9. A correspondence course on the "Gospel of John," similar in character to courses 7 and 8.

10. Research courses or informal correspondence courses on "The Life of Christ," the social teaching of Jesus, and the Messianic hope in the New Testament.

11.¹ The following lecture courses touch closely "The Life of Jesus:"

Two courses by Dr. T. G. Soares; "From Malachi to Matthew," and "The Significance of Jesus."

Two courses by Professor Shailer Mathews: "The History of New Testament Times in Palestine," and "The Social Teaching of Jesus."

Two courses by Professor C. W. Votaw: "The Life of Jesus," and "The Teaching of Jesus."

One course by Professor H. L. Willett: "Journeys in the Holy Land."

¹ This is only a partial list of Lecture Courses, further information concerning which can be obtained from the Lecture-Study Department of the University.